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"Do Not Wait For Leaders. Do It Alone, Person To Person."----Mother Theresa

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I am writing this at the end of December, as we have a trip planned for the end of year and the first two weeks of 2016! This has been a very busy and eventful year for us, one daughter married and the second daughter planning her wedding for July next year. Additionally, we moved to another home, and it was a major task to move our 35 year accumulation of household goods. We wanted to downsize as we are but two people and our previous home was too large and two story. Only remaining project left from our move, sorting a two car garage full of boxes to eliminate unneeded "stuff".

The N.C.N.A. has just concluded a very busy year. Our second annual symposium was a great success with excellent attendance. We had outstanding U.S. and Canadian speakers and received very complimentary comments from attendees and in no less than two different issues of Numismatic News, the first on the front page. In this regard, I must express my most sincere thanks to our Treasurer, Michael Turrini, who was able to get great speakers and organized this event with little help from our Board. We also need thank our sponsors for their financial support in covering expenses for this event. As a special token of appreciation for his efforts, the Board awarded Michael a life membership in the N.C.N.A. and a suitably engraved uniface silver N.C.N.A. "gold miner" medal! These were formally presented at the annual December Vallejo-Fairfield Joint Christmas event. Additionally, Jeff Shevlin was presented the "Ron Miller" Award for 2015. We also want thank the joint party Clubs for allowing us to present our awards in a setting with over 90 attendees to witness N.C.N.A. honorees.

I would like to remind you that nominations may now be made for the 2016 "Ron Miller Award", and should be sent in writing (received no later than June 30, 2016) to my address below. Additionally, I would like to again remind members that the N.C.N.A. Board of Directors has established the "Gordon Russell Donnell Award". This award will consist of a bronze medal with an image of Gordon on the obverse and a blank reverse, suitable for engraving the award recipient name. These medals are now available for distribution based on request by member Coin Clubs. This award is somewhat unique for the N.C.N.A., as it will be offered to N.C.N.A. member Coin Clubs (Max. 2 per year), to recognize "their" Club members who hopefully share the enthusiasm, ideals and numismatic spirit as exemplified by the late Gordon R. Donnell. This may be a very attractive way to recognize Coin Club members who have made significant contributions to the benefit of member Clubs or to our hobby in general.

Included with this and all issues of "Heads and Tails", is the updated N.C.N.A. Coin Show listing. This is provided as a service to our members. If your Coin Club has a Coin Show, please contact me as soon as possible to be included in our listing. Local Coin Clubs, along with State and national numismatic organizations often depend on income from their Annual Coin Shows for a majority of their operating budgets. Additionally, youth programs, coin hobby promotion events, journals and Club bulletins and educational programs to support our coin collecting hobby are often all dependant on funds generated by Coin Show activities.

Please Note: Commercial Shows are now allowed on our Show List, provided that the show promoter is a N.C.N.A. member. As such, the member is allowed to list one free Show per year. To date, only one commercial Show promoter has used this service! Additional shows may be listed but will require a \$15 payment per Show listed. Your N.C.N.A. Board is hopeful of additional innovative initiatives to improve the services we provide our hobby. I can be contacted via e mail: fredvdh@gmail.com, or by writing to P.O. Box 60484, Palo Alto, Ca. 94306-0484. Phone number: 650-380-4181



MINTMASTER'S QUILL: An Editor's Prerogative

My Friends,

"The Highest Of Distinctions Is Service To Others."----King George VI

This quotation is what I offered in receiving the aforementioned engraved silver medal and awarded Life Membership in our Northern California Numismatic Association (NCNA) from our beloved President Fred G. van den Haak this past December 2015. I am thankful and most appreciative for these two recognitions. To our Association and to our hobby, *Thanks!*

Continuing, the above words are reflective of my personal credo and approach to life and living in these twilight years: one should serve and one should give, of him or herself.

It is never the amount or the quality that is measured. It is that you did serve and did give, even if in the smallest of capacities. It is that Nike's motto, 'Just Do It', is correct: serve and give something.

What is sad and hardens the hearts of those of us who serve and who give is the 'taking' by, regretfully, so many. One of the most generous and philanthropic individuals here in northern California, nearly in tears, observed at a local coin club annual picnic one member, supposedly among the most loyal, wrapping up in aluminum foil much more than would be fair or balanced or would take a week to eat from the leftovers, and when this same person was asked, at another event, to assist, just cover an hour or so at the Registration Desk for the annual show, the reply was a request for another complimentary drink ticket at the show's venue lodge bar!

This Was Wrong.

On the opposite scale was another individual, who at another local coin club show, purchased all the remaining drawing (raffle) tickets, insuring a sell-out, and not caring if winning, which did happened. The remark shared was direct: "The club can use funds and the prize can be mine or not."

This Is Preferred.

True, not all the readers of this Mintmaster Quill have the same means and methods; yet, we all have the same number of minutes in a day, the same two hands, the same two eyes, the same two feet, and so on: these some's that we all have can be served and given from the most mundane of chores to the most esteemed callings. The point remains to paraphrase Nike, 'do your share'.

Closing, this year, 2016, marks thirty-five (35) years of editing and issuing NCNA HEADS AND TALES. The world has spin many times since April 1981; but, for me as in 1981 and as today, the words of King George VI still endure.

In the end, Buddha, two thousand years ago, said it best: "If You Light A Lamp For Someone Else It Will Light Your Path." The noun of service and the verb give are your lamp lights.

Rappelez-vous, amusez-vous avce vos Loisirs! Servez toujours les autres! Profitez de votre collection! Et, creer de l'espoir et de faire le bien! (Practicing My Learning French!)

GOLD MINER DIGGINGS: NCNA News and Happenings

2016 Dues

You owe dues if you have not prepaid or are a Life Member; attached with this January 2016 NCNA HEADS AND TALES is the Dues Notice. Dues remain \$5.00 for Individual Members and \$10.00 for Club Members, and you may remit several years in-advance, if you wish.

Mail your remittance, and any changes, directly to 'PO Box 4104, Vallejo, California, 94590-0410'. Membership Cards have not been issued in the past few years.

Prompt payment is welcomed and appreciated. Your continued membership is a positive effort to enhance and to advance our hobby, 'this world of money', across and around northern California.

2015 Miller Medal

Jeff Shevlin, of Carson City, Nevada, was the 2015 recipient of the 'Miller Medal'. His presentation occurred on Saturday, December 12, 2015 during the Joint Christmas Party of the Fairfield Coin Club and Vallejo Numismatic Society in Vallejo, California. President Fred G. van den Haak did the honors, and attending were these prior honorees: Fred G. van den Haak, James H. Laird, Edgar D. Fulwider, Vincent O. 'Sold Out' Lacariere, and Your Editor.

Jeff is well-known among many around northern California, and his award was well received by those attending the annual Party.

Nominations are now open for the 2016 'Miller Award' and are submitted directly to President Fred G. van den Haak at 'PO Box 60484, Palo Alto, California, 94306-0484'. Deadline is June 30, 2016, which is strictly enforced.

Donnell Award

This Award, specific to local Club Members (a coin club must be a Northern California Numismatic Association (NCNA) member) is available. **President van den Haak** summarized this special recognition in his 'President's Message'. Requests, in writing, are directly to 'PO Box 4104, Vallejo, California, 94590-0410' or at EMPERORI@juno.com. Only written requests, with specifics, are honored. The request must include the full proper name of the individual and the date to be bestowed. Retroactive awards are not allowed.

While presently there is no charge for 'Donnell Awards', these are limited to a two (2) maximum per calendar year per requesting Club Member, and a nominal donation of \$15.00 per award would be appreciated, covering the engraving and preparation as well as mailing and handling.

Note: The Awards Coordinator for our Association is Your Editor and Treasurer.

Coin Show Schedule

The single most useful and popular of NCNA's services, the latest Coin Show Schedule has been included with this issue, and Club Members may request complimentary copies to distribute and to share among their members or at a local coin club's show. Contact Your Editor.

Depending on date request was received, at least fifty (50) copies would be provided, in gratis.

Third Annual CALIFORNIA NUMISMATIC SEMINAR

Saturday, September 17, 2016

Vallejo Naval and Historical Museum 734 Marin, at Capital in downtown Vallejo, California Registration Opens: 9:00 AM

Theme: 'The Future of Our Hobby'
FREE ADMISSION and Museum Open To All Attendees

Door Prizes, Too!

The theme is an outgrowth of the discussions generated during the September 2015 Second Annual Seminar and is reflective of shared lament among several prominent numismatic leaders and advocates not just around northern California but across the entire nation.

To this end, NCNA is proud to announce the following presenters, subject to final arrangements:

Dr. Ute Wartenberg Kagan, Executive Director, American Numismatic Society (ANS), from New York City, New York

Stephen Woodland, Royal Canadian Numismatic Association (RCNA), Ottawa, Ontario, with **Serge Pelleteir,** Royal Canadian Numismatic Association (RCNA)

In addition, invitation has been extended to the American Numismatic Association (ANA) and to a well-known southern California based coin dealer.

It is planned that the balance and breath of experiences would significantly address the theme, 'The Future of Our Hobby'. Updates would be posted on www.solanocoinclub.com, and the May 2016 NCNA HEADS AND TALES shall have the finalized presenters and most details.

2016 Seminar Patron

Continuing the successful 'Patron' program and appeal from the 2014 and 2015 Seminars, your Association seeks and solicits 'Patrons' at these two (2) levels:

GOLD MINER		\$100.00	Name Listed In Program Letter Acknowledgment
			Certificate
			Name Posted At Seminar
	v		Engraved 'Token of Esteem
PROSPECTOR		\$50.00	Name Listed In Program
			Letter Acknowledgement
			Certificate
			Name Posted At Seminar

News Flash!

An anonymous 'Benefactor' and strong supporter of and for organized numismatics here in northern California has offered this 'matching': for every 'Patron' at the 'Gold Miner' level, \$100.00, this gentleman would 'match' and donate an additional \$100.00, making each 'Gold Miner' contribution worth \$200.00! The only stipulations are that this 'match' is only for the 'Gold Miner' level and to be credited 'Gold Miner Patrons' must be paid by the end of August 2016.

It is hoped this generous support would build the Association's Treasury and insure solid financial funding for future Seminars.

'Patrons' are now being accepted and should be mailed to 'PO Box 4104, Vallejo, California, 94590-0410'. Include your name and responding contact. All 'Patrons' would be recognized at and during the September 17, 2016 Seminar.

Next Board of Directors Meeting

As this January 2016 NCNA HEADS AND TALES issue is being prepared and printed, the exact date and site for the Board of Directors Meeting has not been determined. Meeting during local coin club shows has not been advantageous, and there is the factor of time and travel, as well as traffic. **President Fred G. van den Haak** can be contacted at fredvdh@gmail.com for when and where.

2016 'Double-Nickel' Anniversary

2016 would mark our Association's 'double nickel', fifty-fiftieth (55th) anniversary. Much had been hoped five years ago for our Association's Golden Anniversary, fifty years; regretfully, the lack of leadership prevented any commemoration or celebration. Nothing much can be anticipated for this anniversary; however, some simple commemorative keepsake would be done and distributed.

Sidebar: Anyone having something from our Association's storied prior decades is welcomed to contact Your Editor. There are gaps and omissions in our historical archives and artifacts. The once barn-burning annual September 'conventions and shows' at the Jack Tar/Cathedral Hill Hotels were the highlight of our Association for three decades. Programs, photographs, and any paper memorabilia from those legendary events are sought.

Membership

In answer to 'how might one join NCNA?' The response is simple: just mail in dues with particulars, and you become a member! All members received NCNA HEADS AND TALES and can be part of the Association's endeavors. NCNA is blessed with members in New Hampshire, Canada, Southern California, Wisconsin, and elsewhere.

Invite your fellow coin hobbyists to join: 'it's cheap'!

'Miller Medal'

Included with this NCNA HEADS AND TALES is the latest roster of 'Miller Medal' recipient.

RON MILLER MEMORIAL AWARD

'The Miller Medal'

Northern California Numismatic Association

TOTT	RECIPIENT	DATE	SITE OF PRESENTATION	NCNA PRESIDENT
1995	MICHAEL S. TURRINI	5-May-96	24th Vallejo Coin Show, Vallejo	Fred G. van den Haak
1996	GORDON R. DONNELL *	14-Dec-96	FCC/VNS 10th Joint Christmas Party, Fairfield	Fred G. van den Haak
1997	JAN D. HENKE	13-Dec-97	FCC/VNS 11th Joint Christmas Party, Fairfield	Gordon R. Donnell
1997	O.L. WALLIS *	13-Dec-97	FCC/VNS 11th Joint Christmas Party, Fairfield	Gordon R. Donnell
1998	EDWARD SINS	26-Sep-98	SJCC October 14, 1998 Meeting, San Jose	Gordon R. Donnell
1998	MICHAEL M. STANLEY	26-Sep-98	RECC/VNS 'Commen Night', Amercian Canyon	Gordon R. Donnell
1999	EDGAR D. FULWIDER	3-Aug-99	LNS August 3, 1999 Meeting, Millbrae	Michael M. Stanley
1999	LEE H. GONG	13-Aug-99	ANA CONECA Banquet, Chicago	Michael M. Stanley
2000	None Presented			
2001	DR.WALTER A. OSTROMECKI, JR.	28-Jul-01	4th Annual Nor-Cal Show Banquet, Concord	Michael M. Stanley
2002	ALVIN H.W. LO	14-Dec-02	FCC/VNS 16th Joint Christmas Party, Fairfield	Michael M. Stanley
2003	FRED G. van den HAAK	13-Dec-03	FCC/VNS 17th Joint Christmas Party, Fairfield	Michael M. Stanley
2004	KENNETH J. BARR	4-Dec-04	Nor-Cal V Show Dinner, Fremont	Michael M. Stanley
2004	VINCENT O. LACARIERE	4-Dec-04	Nor-Cal V Show Dinner, Fremont	Michael M. Stanley
2005	None Presented			
2006	DENIS N. HOOKER *	13-Jan-07	San Jose, California by Edward Sins	Harry W. Davis
2007	MARK Wm. CLARK	28-Mar-08	SFCC March 28, 2008 Meeting, San Francisco	Harry W. Davis
2008	BRIITA M. EHLERS	9-Dec-08	FCC December 9, 2008 Meeting, Fremont	Harry W. Davis
2008	DONALD S. EHLERS	9-Dec-08	FCC December 9, 2008 Meeting, Fremont	Harry W. Davis
2009	SYDNEY M. KASS	5-Dec-09	FCC/VNS 23rd Joint Christmas Party, Fairfield	Harry W. Davis
2009	JAMES H. LAIRD	5-Dec-09	FCC/VNS 23rd Joint Christmas Party, Fairfield	Harry W. Davis
2010	HARRY W. DAVIS	4-Dec-10	FCC/VNS 24th Joint Christmas Party, Fairfield	Harry W. Davis
2010	IRENE CARRILLO	4-Dec-10	FCC/VNS 24th Joint Christmas Party, Fairfield	Harry W. Davis
2011	None Presented			
2012	None Presented			
2013	None Presented			
2014	MERLE V. AVILA	13-Dec-14	FCC/VNS 28th Joint Christmas Party, Vallejo	Fred G. van den Haak
2015	IEFF SHEVLIN	12-Dec-15	FCC/VNS 29th Joint Christmas Party, Vallejo	Fred G. van den Haak

of two (2) per calendar year. It is named for the late Ronald Lee Miller (1944--1993), and it is NCNA's highest and most esteemed honor. The award is an engraved silver medal with a portrait of the late 'Ron' Miller plus a small walnut wall plaque. Nominations are called for each Note: 'The Miller Medal' is presented and awarded by and from the Northern California Numismatic Association (NO Deceased * January with the selection by the NCNA's Board of Directors.

Tips for Responding To Identity Theft

If you think you are the victim of identity theft or fraud, these are the most important steps you should take to minimize the impact.

Place a Fraud Alert on your Credit Reports

Notify all three main credit reporting agencies - Experian, Equifax, and TransUnion, that you suspect you have been a victim of identity theft, and ask that a fraud alert be placed on your credit file.

This should help prevent further damage if an identity thief has successfully applied for credit in your name, and help prevent further credit abuse.

You should also consider placing a freeze on your credit report that should prevent any new credit accounts being opened in your name. In California it's free for victims of identity theft.

Complete an Identity Theft Affidavit
You will need to complete an identity
theft affidavit form. This form can be
used to halt any hasty action by creditors
and debt collectors, and can be
downloaded from the Federal Trade
Commission (FTC) web site at
http://www.ftc.gov and click on the
Identity Theft Link.

You will probably need to send a copy of the affidavit to each affected creditor, along with any information about the accounts fraudulently opened in your name, as well as a copy of the police report.

And be sure to always send an id theft affidavit by certified mail and request a return receipt.

File a Police Report

You should also file a report of identity theft with your police department. File a report with the police department in the city where you live, although you may also be able to file a report in the city where you work.

And make sure you keep a copy of the completed police report and a name and number to contact.

Contact Your Bank and Credit Card Companies

Contact all affected bank and credit card companies and if necessary close any affected accounts. If checks have been misused, place a stop order on any outstanding checks that you're not sure about.

Contact any creditors, such as stores or utility companies, with whom your name has been used fraudulently. You should explain the circumstances, offer to provide a copy of the ID theft affidavit, and request copies of any documentation such as loan applications and transaction records.

If theft from a bank account is involved, ideally you should close that account immediately and open a new one, as well as cancel your ATM and credit cards and request new ones. And make sure you always create a new (and strong) password and PIN for any new accounts.

Don't Be Intimidated by Debt Collectors

Debt collectors can sometimes be too aggressive in pursuing victims of identity theft. Don't be intimidated by debt collectors – if the debt is not yours, do not offer or agree to pay anything. Respond in writing and keep a record.

Keep a Record

Keep copies of all fraudulent transactions and of all correspondence with banks and creditors concerning disputed transactions.

Contact the Post Office

If mail has been stolen or a mailing address has been fraudulently used by an identity thief, you should report it to the postal inspectors. You can find the contact information for your nearest office on the USPS web site at www.usps.gov. You should also contact your local Post Office if you think your address has been changed by a thief.

If Your Social Security Number is stolen...

If you suspect that your Social Security number has been misused, you should report it to the Social Security Administration, and contact information can be found at www.ssa.gov.

CREDIT REPORTING AGENCIES

TransUnion: www.transunion.com To report fraud: 800-680-7289 TDD- 877-553-7803

Experian:
www.experian.com
To report fraud: 888-397-3742
TDD- 800-972-0322

Equifax:
www.equifax.com
To report fraud: 800-525-6285
Hearing impaired: Call 1-800-255-0056
AT&T hearing impaired line.





This free service is provided by the Identity Theft Council, in partnership with your local Police and Sheriff's department. Telephone: 1-888-771-0767 · Email: support@identitytheftcouncil.org · Web site: http://www.identitytheftcouncil.org

COIN SHOW SCHEDULE

These Coin Show listings are provided as a free service to the numismatic community by the Northern California Numismatic Association. Show listings are updated quarterly and are available without cost to member Coin Clubs. If you would like to have a Coin Club Show listed, please send all pertinent show information <u>early</u> to: N.C.N.A., Fred G. van den Haak, P.O. Box 60484, Palo Alto, Ca. 94306-0484. If you would like a Commercial Show listed: you need to be a N.C.N.A. member for one free annual listing. Additional listings for Commercial shows are \$15 each. You may also e mail the information to: fredvdh@gmail.com

The joint website for the Fairfield Coin Club, Solano Silver Round Club, Vallejo Numismatic Society and Northern California Numismatic Association is: www.solanocoinclub.com and updated Show listings can be seen on this website!

Jan. 22-24, 2016 SAN JOSE. San Jose Coin Club 48th Annual Coins and Collectibles Show, Doubletree Hotel (Bayshore Ballroom), 2050 Gateway Place, San Jose 95110. Bourse Chair: Ray Johnson, P.O. Box 10416, San Jose, CA 95157-1416. Phone: 408-598-7772, Email: SanJoseCoins@aol.com Website:

www.sanjosecoinclub.org Admission \$4 (\$2 off with any Show advertising!)

Feb. 20-1, 2016 SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO. San Francisco Area Coin, Stamp and Collectibles Show, South San Francisco Conference Center, 255 S. Airport Blvd., South San Francisco 94080. Admission \$4, \$2 off with coupon. Scott Griffin, P.O. Box 1876, Suisun, CA 94585 Ph: 415-601-8661 E Mail: scottgriff@hotmail.com

SANTA ROSA. Redwood Empire Coin Club 48th Annual Show, E.L. Finley Hall, Sonoma County Fairgrounds, 1350
Bennett Valley Road, Santa Rosa. Bourse: Merle
Avila (707) 585-3711 or (707) 824-4811 eves.
Admission \$1, under 12 free.

Feb. 28, 2016 SAN JOSE. "Cupertino" Coin Club 44th Annual Coin Show, Napredak Hall, 770 Montague Expressway, San Jose. Bourse: Bruce Braga (408) 839-1883 or Cupertino Coin Club, P.O. Box 448, Cupertino, CA 95015-0448. Free Parking. Admission: \$2 adults, youth 17 and under free.

Mar. 6, 2016 <u>LIVERMORE</u>. Livermore Valley Coin Club 54th Annual Coin Show, Elks Lodge, 940 Larkspur, Livermore. Bourse: Steve Kramer, P.O. Box 610, Livermore, Ca. 94551. Phone (925) 422-3794.

April 22-4, 2016 SANTA CLARA Santa Clara Coin, Stamp and Collectibles Show, Santa Clara Convention Center, 5001 Great America Parkway, Santa Clara Admission \$6, \$2 off with coupon. Scott Griffin, P.O. Box 1876, Suisun, CA 94585 Ph: 415-601-8661 E Mail: scottoriff@hotmail.com

VALLEJO. Vallejo Numismatic Society 44th Annual Show, May 1, 2016 Florence Douglas Senior Center, 333 Amador (between Georgia and Florida), Vallejo. Bourse: Edwin Hoffmark, Jr. P O Box 4281, Vallejo, Ca. 94590-0428 Phone: 707-642-8754. E Mail: paper4coin@yahoo.com FREMONT. Fremont Coin Club 44th Annual Show, Elk's Hall, July 30-1, 2016 38991 Farwell Drive, Fremont, Ca. Information: (510) 792-1511; Bourse: Vince Lacariere, P.O. Box 1401, Fremont, Ca. 94538 FAIRFIELD. Fairfield Coin Club 27th Annual Coin Show, Willow Aug. 7, 2016 Room, Fairfield Community Center (downtown) 1000 East Kentucky off Pennsylvania. Admission \$2, \$1 with flyer or card! Bourse Coordinator: Robert Belleau (707) 567-6938, P.O.Box 944, Fairfield, CA 94533-0094 STOCKTON. Delta Coin Club 52nd Annual Coin Show, Eagles Oct. 15-16, 2016 Hall, 1492 Bourbon Street, Stockton. Bourse: Ruben Smith III, P.O. Box 5787, Stockton, CA. 95205. Phone (209) 982-5961, E Mail: rubensmith@hotmail.com. SAN JOSE. Peninsula Coin Club 37th Annual Coins and Nov. 6, 2016 Collectibles Show, Napredak Hall, 770 Montague Expressway, San Jose. Bourse: Fred van den Haak, P.O. Box 60484, Palo Alto, Ca. 94306. Phone: (650) 380-4181 fredvdb@email.com SAN JOSE. Peninsula Coin Club 38th Annual Coins and Nov. 5, 2017 Collectibles Show, Napredak Hall, 770 Montague Expressway, San Jose. Bourse: Fred van den Haak, P.O. Box 60484, Palo Alto, Ca. 94306. Phone: (650) 380-4181 fredvdh@gmail.com